

# Sports and Health

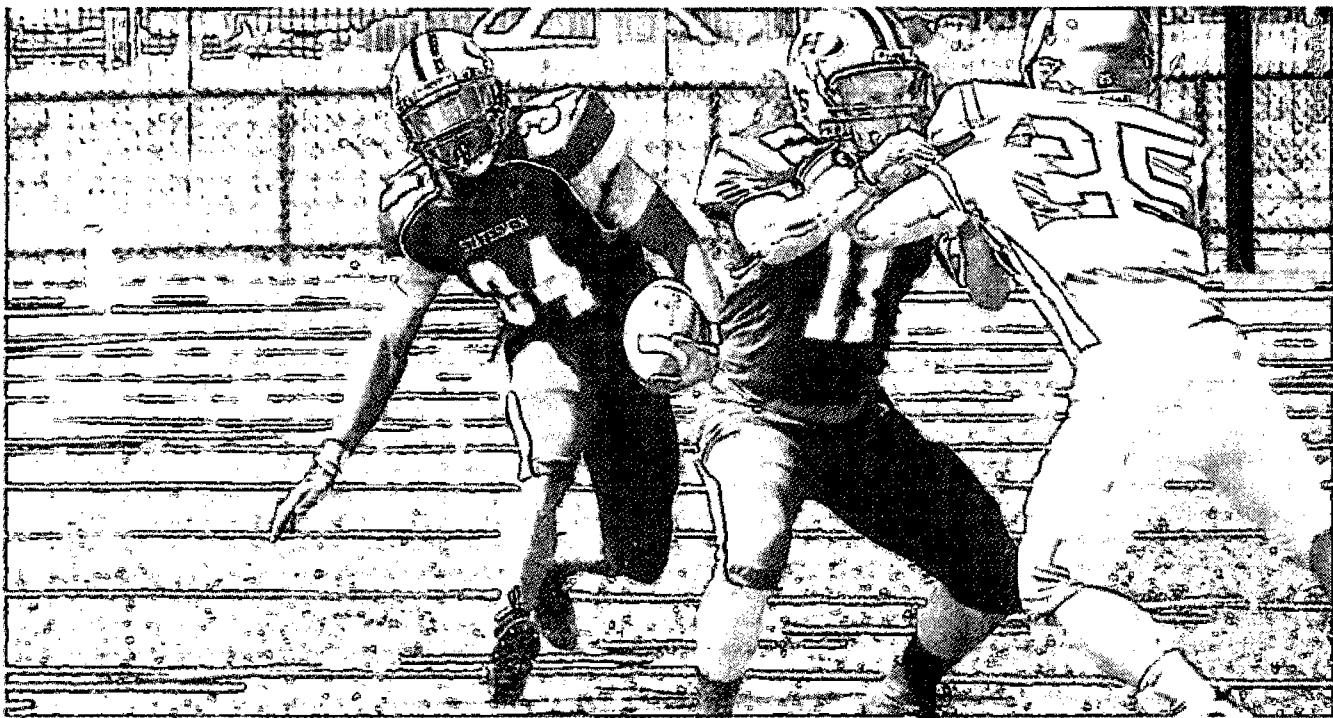


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Action from the Hobart-Dickinson game on Sept. 7, which the Statesmen won 18-7.

## Statesmen Football Looking to Make Statement

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Last year's Hobart Statesmen football campaign was one to remember. Entering the season as the 22nd ranked Division III team in the nation, the Statesmen cruised to an impressive 10-0 regular-season record and a Liberty League title. They eventually fell to the third-ranked University of St. Thomas Tommies in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA playoffs. It was a season to celebrate, with record-breaking performances and results abounding. But those games and numbers matter no more. It is a new year with new possibilities and new challenges. It is the 2013 Hobart Statesmen football season.

After such a successful 2012 display, the Statesmen were destined for a high spot in the 2013 preseason rankings. The annual coaches' poll did not disappoint, dubbing Hobart the No. 7 team in all of Division III.

"It is an honor to have such a high preseason ranking," said head coach Mike Cragg, who enters his 19th season at the helm of Statesmen football. "However, preseason rankings are mostly off of what you accomplished the previous season. The 2012 team is gone and now it is time for the 2013 team to make its own identity. It will be up to them to establish their own legacy."

As the Statesmen's all-time winningest coach and member of the Hobart athletics Hall of Fame, Cragg is well aware of what it takes to sculpt a winning football team. Emphasizing the virtues of humility and industriousness, Coach Cragg will be looking to build off last season's momentum and propel his team forward.

Much like their venerable coach, the Statesmen return many key contributors on both sides of the ball. After allowing the fewest sacks in the Liberty League last year, the offensive line remains mostly intact, including senior captain Michael Green and junior captain Ali Marpet. Behind such a force is the starting QB, Pat Conlan '15. Conlan will be looking to find Elvin Souffrant '15, Yosh Karbowniczak

'14, John Fasano '15, and Troy Robinson '15 in the passing game. Karbowniczak returns as the most accomplished wide receiver, having caught 30 passes for 507 yards and five touchdowns last season.

Yet it is Hobart's rushing game that Coach Cragg hopes will drive the offense forward this season. "We expect our run game to be extremely strong, lead by Steven Webb '14, Dom Ellis '15, and Connor Hartigan '16," said the Statesmen play-caller. Webb, a senior captain, will hope to better an already staggering 2012 stat-line of 1242 yards and 12 touchdowns.

As commendable as the Statesmen offense is, it is their defense that will be the engine behind any deep playoff run. Lead by the returning pair of All-Americans, defensive end Tyre Coleman '15 and linebacker Devin Worthington '13, the Statesmen defense held opponents to a meager 17 points-per-game last season and should be even stingier this campaign. Look for linebacker Trayvon Toney '16, as well as safety and captain Jolyon Davis '14 to step up their games and be key contributors.

Having already won its season opener at Dickinson by a score of 30-7, it is not hard to comprehend why there are such lofty expectations for this Statesmen football team. Of course, Coach Cragg knows that that competitive drive and intensity can only happen with all of Hobart and William Smith's support behind them, commenting, "There is a buzz in the air that comes from success and it can be felt everywhere we go. We just ask that the fans come out and support the team, be loud and be proud to be a Statesman."

Luckily enough for Cragg, and the entire HWS student body, that buzz should persist for some time longer. The Statesmen are off this weekend but next play Utica on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. The game will be held on Boswell Field and is part of Homecoming Weekend.

## Cancer Study Raises Ethical Questions

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Did you know that vinegar could help prevent cervical cancer?

The National Cancer Institute recently completed a survey on cervical cancer, according to the American Society of Clinical Oncology. This survey, tested in the slums of Mumbai, India, has yielded results that will give hope to the 72,000 women in India and 204,000 women throughout the rest of the world affected by this cancer each year.

The process of this study was simple: women were given the opportunity to be screened for cervical cancer, by having vinegar brushed onto their cervixes. Acids in the vinegar would cause precancerous areas on the cervix to turn white, allowing them to be easily removed and preventing the severe consequences of the disease.

However, because this was a scientific study, there was a control group of unscreened and untreated women that provided a static comparison to the screened group. Both groups were monitored closely over 15 years, and the results were astonishing.

In the experimental group, the mortality rate of cervical cancer was cut by 31 percent, according to Dr. Surendra Sashtri of ASCO. However, according to the study, in the unscreened group 64 women out of 31,000 died because of undetected and untreated cervical cancer. In a separate study, funded by the Gates Foundation, 98 women out of 76,000 perished because of their untreated disease.

It can be argued that the vinegar test was a good thing; it saved many lives and will hopefully save many more over the coming years, as it is implemented in developing countries. However, many regret the deaths of the women in the control groups of these experiments, who did not understand the consequences of not receiving treatment for the disease. Sarah Kobrin, the National Cancer Institute's program director for this

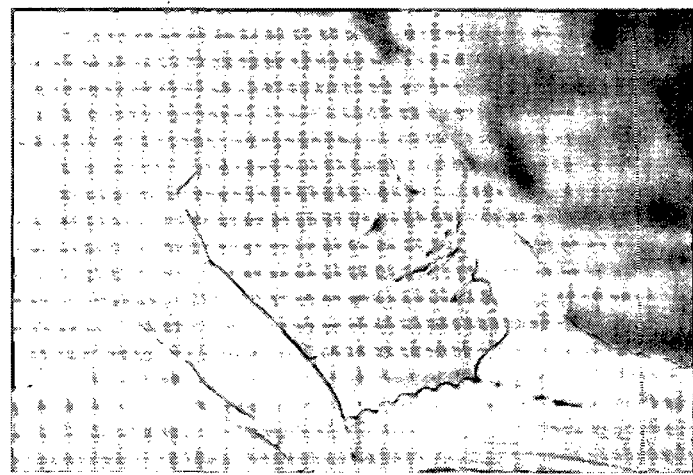


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particular study, maintained that the study needed to continue on "until we could see a statistically significant difference" in the rate of mortality between the two groups in the study.

However, this triggered a response from many Americans, which resulted in an investigation by the Human Research Protections Office in 2011. They questioned Dr. Eric Suba, who said, "How do you maintain an unscreened control group for 15 years without keeping these women in the dark about basic biological facts? Once you tell women about what cervical cancer is and what screening can do for them, they demand screening services." The HRPO determined that the women in the study were not provided with adequate research about their alternatives, and therefore could not have fully given their informed consent.

There are always two sides to a coin, and it seems as though no good can come without some bad. In this instance, the study is good in that it gives hope to millions of women who now have a scientifically proven, legitimate test that can help them catch the disease in its earliest stages and prevent illness. However, this knowledge came at the cost of the lives of at least 162 women in India alone, whose doctors stood by and observed their progression into illness and death. Elizabeth Woeckner, of Citizens for Responsible Care and Research, said, "You can't let people die to show something you already know." Yet, for the last 15 years, 162 women made the ultimate sacrifice to simply prove a point: early testing yields a good prognosis.